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**[LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT] helps raise  
awareness of new booster seat law**

[CITY/TOWN] – The [LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT] participated in a statewide safety belt enforcement blitz that highlighted a new booster seat law that will take effect on July 1.

“We went out into the community to make sure people understand that Indiana’s law is going to be changing in a few months,” said [DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON]. “At the same time, we also were able to reinforce the state’s existing safety belt laws by issuing tickets to drivers and passengers who were not buckled up.”

The new law will require all children under eight to be properly secured in child safety seats or booster seats. It also will require all kids up to age 16 to be properly restrained in a child restraint system or a safety belt in all seating positions in all vehicles. Those over age 16 must be restrained when riding in the front seat of passenger vehicles.

Children, as they grow, should progress through three types of child safety seats before using the safety belt alone: (1) rear-facing seats to (2) forward-facing seats to (3) booster seats.

Booster seats raise children up so that safety belts fit properly. Eighty-three percent of children between the ages of four and eight are inappropriately placed in adult safety belts.

This campaign was sponsored by the Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving, a division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Federal funding for the initiative was provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information regarding child passenger safety, please contact the Automotive Safety Program at 1-800-KID-N-CAR or visit [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org).